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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Fighting Evil.—Every evil dies hard. This is the very nature of it. There is a most desperate and determined vigor in all vice. Virtue is timid and modest and quiet: left unprotected and uncultivated it wanes and withers and dies. Not so vice. It is outspoken, audacious and persistent. Let alone it grows more obnoxious and exultant and daring. Vice and sin and shame die hard. They have to be done to death by persistent effort and untiring zeal.

Even now Governor Hughes of New York is waging mighty war against the pernicious practice of race track gambling. This is a vice of enormous proportions in New York and thousands are wrecked and ruined by it. Because it is such a gross and glaring evil it would seem to one outside that State a most easy task to wipe it out. Yet Governor Hughes and those assisting him are having the time of their lives in trying to stop the cause. In the New York papers the other day appeared a long list, by the governor's permission, of letters received by him from mothers, wives and daughters who had been hurt by this race track infamy. Here are two or three of the letters which serve as samples:

"Dear Governor: Many, many thanks for your stand against the race-tracks. They have ruined my father, crippled my immediate family to such an extent that words cannot express it. I certainly pray you can close them up."

"Dear Governor: My son has 'done time' for the sake of racing. I and my family have suffered in consequence."

"To Governor Hughes. Sir: For eighteen years my life and home have been made miserable by the race-track. O, it is dreadful to allow racing and betting. My husband became a liar and cheat and demoralized, it seems, beyond redemption, unless God will yet have mercy. If you only knew the misery it causes! Praying you may be strong in doing right."

Now we have not a doubt but that

every Sun reader, at a distance from the fight, will think it easy for the governor to win out, and most of all think if they were in New York they would stand with the governor in his fight for righteousness.

Yet, right here in North Carolina is a fight for righteousness of no less proportions than that in New York. And many here who think they would be with the governor in New York are against the governor in North Carolina in his and our fight for law, order and sobriety. Men love to fight an evil along way from home. When it comes home they succumb, capitulate, surrender.

An evil always finds its friends. They are often ignorant and deluded friends, but friends, nevertheless. We presume there never was a sin or a curse so vile but that some virtuous men were beguiled into advocating it.

"In God We Trust."—There is something in a sign, if not in a name. If you doubt it ask President Roosevelt, ask Congress. That on our coin seemed innocent and harmless enough. The President may have thought it escaped notice there. His order removed it. Then he and the nation discovered that this sign signified. A protest went up. The Nation spoke. Its sign was very dear. By a vote of 255 to 5 in the House of Representatives the motto must go back—and stay. We may not think so very much of our ancient landmarks, signs, symbols and such: but touch them and see. Whether men are good or evil they like to have a safe flag, and one of right color. "In God We Trust," has come to signify our national faith and feeling, and our coin must declare it henceforth. This was the keynote by which our Fathers conquered: and while it may not and does not spread a religion, it expresses a sense of, and a feeling toward that God "who presides over the destinies of nations."

Rev. M. L. Bryant of our Main St. church, Berkley, Va. used as his morning subject last Sunday "A powerful Place of Prayer," and in the evening; "The Object of Divine Art" according to the Norfolk Landmark. Dr. Staley, of the Suffolk church used, in the morning the subject "Evidences of the New Birth," and in the evening "Victory of Truth."

To The Country, Gentlemen. It will be worth while if those who are in charge of the present prohibition campaign will give not a little of their time and attention to the rural districts of North Carolina.

Put it down that ours is a rural, not a town, or city commonwealth. Our North Carolinians still live, in very large measure, in the country.

Now it so happens that a great majority of our population in the country have not seen and felt the effects of the open saloons as the towns and cities have. And the subject of temperance has not been agitated in the rural districts as in the cities. Our rural districts are as capable and as intelligent as our urban. But they have not been brought face to face with the problem of prohibition as have the people of the cities, and are consequently not "worked up" on the subject. No one comes to high ground on any moral issue unless led, pled, or prayed into it.

This campaign for prohibition must be carried into the country. Our noble brothers of the fields must be reasoned with about it. Why, already some towns and cities have had a half dozen, or a dozen, addresses from earnest, able speakers, since the campaign began a month or more ago. But five miles from those same towns are citizens in plenty who are opposed to prohibition, and who have not as yet heard one plea or argument in behalf of this great moral issue.

The school houses, and the churches by the way side, and the country store, will have to be sought out by speakers, and the story told there of the great struggle now on to relieve North Carolina of the blighting curse of the saloon, and bring about a better and happier day in this good commonwealth.

We shall have to reckon with the great, noble, splendid population of the country on this subject of prohibition or we shall be jarred and jolted when returns come in on May 26th.

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There are thousands of people in the country opposed to this issue, and they should have the benefit of these fine arguments and persuasive pleas we are hearing in the towns and cities galore.

BEING A COMFORT TO OTHER PEOPLE.

It is not only what we do, but even more what we are, that makes our lives count in their helpfulness to others. Some people are full of activity, even of aggressive helpfulness, and yet they are not always a comfort to their fellow-men. They have faults which mar the influence of their personality—dead flies which cause the oil of the perfumer to send forth an evil odor. They are not sweet, they lack humility, they are not unselfish. People do not go to them with their perplexities and sorrows. There is something in their religion which mars its beauty. If we would be a comfort to others, our lives must be rich in lovingness. A mother said of her daughter, "She makes a beautiful climate for me." That is what we should make for the people who live near to us.

In one of his epistles Paul speaks of certain of his friends as "men that have been a comfort unto me." He was in prison, and in his loneliness these men had cheered and strengthened him. They had been kind to him, and their kindness had comforted him. He mentions three men who had specially helped him in this way. The first was Aristarchus, whom he calls "my fellow-prisoner." Perhaps he voluntarily stayed with the old minister in prison. No doubt he showed his love in many ways. Some one has defined a friend as "the person who comes in when all the world has gone out." That is what Aristarchus had been to Paul.

Another who had been a comfort to him was Mark. We are glad to have Paul say this, for many years before Mark had failed him, and the apostle would not trust him again. It is pleasant to know that Mark lived long enough and well enough to win again his old friend's confidence and affection.

There is another name in this list of honor—"Jesus that is called Justus." Not a hint is given of the way he had been a comfort to the apostle. Perhaps he had just been kind to him, doing nothing that could be described, and yet his life full of little gentle ministries that helped Paul more bravely to endure his chain. At least he had been his friend, and just being a friend when one needs friends is something gloriously worth while. Some one has said, "The greatest thing a man can do for his Heavenly Father is to be kind to some of the Father's other children."

The friends that Paul names were a comfort to him because they sympathized with him with a sympathy that was not obtrusive, not officious, not always reminding him of his chain and prison,

but that manifested itself in quiet, unostentatious, inspiring ways. The word comfort means to strengthen. It is like our noun cordial, in its old sense, something that invigorates, exhilarates; something that stimulates the circulation, making the pulse quicker, the life fuller. Paul's friends were cordial to him, not lessening his suffering nor lightening his burdens, but making him braver and stronger for endurance.

Paul himself was a wonderful example of a man who was a comfort to others. What his life, with its rich fulness and its genius for friendship, must have been to those who came into personal companionship with him! What a privilege it was to his fellow craftsmen to have him working with them at their tent-making! We do not begin to realize what it means to us to live with certain people, to have them for friends, to drink from the fulness of their life. Harriett Prescott Spofford wrote of Phillips Brooks after his death:

"Perhaps we did not know how much of God

Was walking with us.

Surely not forlorn

Are men, when such great overflow of heaven

Brings down the light of the eternal morn

"Into the earth's deep shadows, where they plod,

The slaves of sorrow."

Men did not know how much of God was walking with them when they had Paul for companion, friend, teacher. The more closely we study his life and his words the more do we find love, of the delicate refinements of love, of all gentleness and kindness. The thirteenth of First Corinthians is matchless as a picture. It is like a dream in its beauty. But it was a dream which was realized in the writer's own life. "Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil." Some people praise this wonderful picture of love, but do not begin to live it. What a comfort we would be to each other if we really lived in all our common days the teaching of this chapter!

Paul teaches us to have not only a kindly heart, but a gracious manner. In his epistles he exhorts to the rarest delicacy of courtesy. Perhaps we do not give sufficient emphasis to this phase of Christian culture. We condemn lying, and well we may, but we forget that rudeness is a sin, too, as are also thoughtlessness, discourtesy, censoriousness, sharpness in speech or tone. Paul names "whatsoever things are lovely" among the ideal qualities of Christian character.

Our religion should be beautiful, winning. We are to please other for their good, to edification.

Those who live thus gently, thoughtfully, beautifully, will always be a comfort to others with whom they live. A pastor was commending religion to a boy, expressing the hope that he would give his heart to God in his youth. "Religion is a continual joy," he added. "Look at your sister, Sarah. How much that dear girl enjoys her religion!" "Yes," answered the boy with frank candor, "Sade may enjoy her religion, but nobody else in the house enjoys it." The boy's judgment may have been harsh and unjust, but there are professing Christians of whom it is true that their families do not enjoy their religion. It is not sweet. It is not a comfort to people. It is censorious, or exacting. It was a serious condemnation of this girl's religion that her family did not enjoy it.

A close observer has said that "many a sister spoils her testimony in the church by her tongue in the kitchen." Another has said, "There are people who lead us heavenward, but stick pins in us all the way." In a conversation overheard on a railway train, one reports hearing this fragment of talk; "Yes, I suppose she's good,—I know she is. But she isn't pleasant to live with." A goodness that isn't pleasant to live with is not the kind that is most needed. We may do all our duties faithfully, conscientiously, bearing our share of the burdens and cares, and yet if we are not pleasant to live with, we fail in the most essential quality of love. An unlovely spirit, frowns and chilling looks, sharp, impatient words, overbalanced the painstaking service that does so much to help in practical ways. What the person is mars the value of what he does.

After all, being "pleasant to live with" is one of the final tests of Christlikeness in life. You are careful never to fail to do all the little things of duty. Your friends never can say that you are inattentive to them, that you leave undone the kindly deeds of neighborliness or even brotherliness. But if, meanwhile, you are not pleasant to live with, is there not something lacking? The ideal religious life is one that is a comfort to others, as well as a help. It is gracious and winning in its spirit. It is a blessing to all it touches. It makes one a comfort not only in his own home, where even his dog is happier because the master is a "Jesus Christian," but in his church, among his neighbors, in the office or shop where he works. Then, withal, it makes him pleasant to live with.

This word of Paul's really tests the

Christian life of every one of us. Are we a comfort to people? Are the boys and girls a comfort to their mothers and fathers? or do they vex them, fret them, keep them awake at night with anxiety? Are husbands and wives a real comfort to each other? Are we a comfort to our neighbors, kindly, thoughtful, obliging, ready always to be helpful? It has been named as the mark of a gentleman that he never gives pain to another. An English poet called Jesus "the first true gentleman who ever breathed." He never gave pain to any one. Love characterized him in all circumstances and experiences. Even when he was betrayed, he was still the refined gentleman. When he was being nailed on his cross, he prayed for his executioners. Love never failed him. He was always a comfort to others.

We as Christ's followers should be so full of his spirit, have our lives so permeated with his grace, love, and meekness that we shall be a comfort to all men, and above all, shall be a comfort to God.—Sunday School Times.

SALINAS LETTER.

The third annual session of the Porto Rican Christian Conference was held Feb. 27, at Salinas. The day was pleasant, the attendance good, and the session harmonious.

Promptly at 9:30 a. m. the conference opened by singing, Scripture reading, and prayer.

Officers as follows: President, T. E. White; Treasurer, D. P. Barrett; Secretary, Miguel Angel Rivera.

Program as prepared by executive committee was adopted as the order of business for the session.

Rev. E. E. Wilson of the M. E. church and Herimnio Rodriguez of the W. B. church were invited to seats as deliberative members. These brethren added greatly to the interest of the conference.

The reports from ministers and delegates were read and progress was noted along several lines of work.

The Annual sermon was preached by Rev. Rafael Hernandez and was a powerful plea for the revealed word of God.

The afternoon service was lengthy and intensely interesting. Reports of standing committees were read, discussed, and adopted. A strong plea was made to raise money during the coming year to build a chapel in some populous barrio where we are now holding services either in a private dwelling or in the open air. Encouragement was given on mention of the fact that the barrio, Pastillo, land would be given us for the building of a chapel. The report on Sunday-schools was helpful as was the report on Christ-

ian Endeavor. Better organization will be had in these departments in the future and greater results realized. The report on Moral Reform was indeed strong and indicates that the "heaven is in the lump." The educational committee made a very encouraging report, showing that real progress had been made by some of the candidates for the ministry and this was done in spite of many obstacles. The conference has five candidates who are looking forward to the ministry. These are taking a course recommended by the conference. But with no school and all five having a family to support their progress must necessarily be slow. However, the circumstances are not so bad but that they will become qualified, if they have been called of God.

The evening service was the climax of the conference. It was that part of the program well rendered which we had long desired—the dedication of our new church in Salinas. The sermon was preached by Rev. Paul Penzotti of the M. E. Church, after which, the first church in Porto Rico, built by the Christians, was solemnly dedicated to God. This church represents the love and devotion of a thousand loyal hearts. It stands in a needy place and opens its doors to those who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Within her walls children will learn the sweetest story, the very bread of Heaven will be continually offered, and oppressed and persecuted will find a safe refuge in Jesus.

The next session of Conference will be held with our church at Ponce.

T. E. White.

GEORGIA LETTER.

Dear Bro. Atkinson: It has been some time since I wrote of my work. However, I have not been idle. The rough winter hindered me some in my work. I am serving only three churches this year: Richland, Randalls', and Oak Grove. The Conference employed me for one half of my time for Home mission work. I have two places that I am looking after, one at Enigma, Ga., and the other at Columbus, Ga. I have secured a deed to the lot at Columbus on Rose Hill. The lot is well located in a residence portion of the city. The Jordan Co. who have a lot of property in this section of the city opened their hearts and gave us the lot. The lot was rated at \$600.00. No doubt the lot will be worth \$1000.00 in a few years. It is joining the Industrial School property where they have nearly one hundred thousand dollars invested. We anticipate beginning work here in the early spring. This I think a very inviting field for us.

The work at Enigma is developing all

right. I have made four trips to this place. Enigma is a small town, having six stores, and a new one in construction. The town was first settled by saw mill and turpentine people. Most of the timber is now gone and the county is being opened up by farmers. It is a very good farming section. Enigma is located on the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. about 12 miles from Tifton. We had located there 17 members. Two of them are merchants and the others are farming around the town. We are building here. We hope to finish our house this spring. We have the outside nearly ready for paint, which we intend to do in the next two weeks. We will be able to finish the house without going in debt. We won't be able to finish it without help—We can't afford to go in debt. We are building a good house, putting good material into it. We will have cathedral glass in the windows, a tower in front reaching 55 feet in height; a bay at the rear end of the church for pulpit. We will ceil inside. I hope to give a cut of the church as soon as completed. Now, there are a few things we need and must have; an organ, a bell, lamp or chandelier, pulpit and pulpit suit. I think we will be able to seat the church. Now some these things we could use second hand until we get able to buy. So if any church could accommodate us to any of the things that are so needful for us at this time just write me. If any person or church desires to help us in this hard and determined effort of ours it will duly be appreciated. I have never seen a little band more determined than this. We will soon have the best church building in Enigma and one of the best in the Conference. The Methodist here have opened their house to us until we can get into ours. All the people in the town have been good to us. Bro. P. S. Sailer has been in our work here now for a month. He is much loved by our people. He is holding meetings this week at Balah, Girard, Ala. He is trying to get them started towards the erection of a new church, which they much need. May success crown their efforts. Hope to attend convention at Greensboro. Yours in the work,

H. W. Elder.

Richland, Ga.

Ex Minister Wu Ting-fang has returned to our country. In his retinue are 27 orientals, secretaries, attendants, butlers etc. Mr. Wu is an interesting figure and this country welcomes him back from China.

U. S. Senator, Proctor of Vermont died at Washington last week, and his eldest son who is Governor of Vt. aspires to his father's seat in Congress.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

If any Sun reader should wish information about the liquor traffic, or prohibition or temperance movement, or select recitations for school closings or concerts, they should write John A. Oates, Chairman, Anti-Saloon League, Raleigh, N. C. The literature will be furnished, as desired, free of charge.

The official program of the Twenty-Fifth Annual Session of the N. C. Sunday School Association (of all denominations) is issued and gives promise of an excellent meeting. The time is April 7, 8, and 9, place, Christian church, Burlington, N. C.

We shall indeed regret to have to cut off any number of Sun subscribers on April 1, but unless a great many renew before then we will have no alternative. The Government says we shall not keep as legitimate subscribers those who are a year or more in arrears. Brethren, the Sun needs you, any you need the Sun, but unless there is a renewal we will have to part company. We have written all several times and have given full and free and anxious warning. The matter is important and urgent, brethren. Attend to this today.

After a long silence, all too long we feel, we are pleased to print this week an interesting letter from Bro. T. E. White, one of our Porto Rican missionaries. Bro. White is well known and much beloved among Sun readers and his letters are always enjoyable. We only wish he would write oftener and prevail also upon Bro. D. P. Barrett to remember occasionally the folks at home—the Sun family—with a letter. We incline to think these letters would certainly not hurt, but in all probability help, some the Porto Rican cause in our midst.

The noted evangelist, Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman has associated with him the far-famed singing evangelist, Charles M. Alexander, formerly associated with Dr. Torrey, and the two are to begin a series of meetings at Norfolk, Va., April 22nd. The churches in Norfolk are holding union services preparatory to the meetings and a great revival is anticipated. Norfolk is indeed to be congratulated on securing these great and good men for evangelistic services there. Sixteen assistants will accompany the evangelists and assist in the work at Norfolk.

It is not "For Prohibition," or "Against Prohibition;" not "For Blind Tigers" or "Against Blind Tigers," that our beloved church members and friends will be called upon to vote on May 26 all over North Carolina. None of these

beloved. Nay, verily. Your ballot will read thus: "For the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors," or it will read "Against the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors." We have a notion that conscientious men, especially church members, will balk awhile before putting in the box, in his own name and volition, "For the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors."

The United States Supreme Court handed down a decision March 23rd confirming the decision of Judge Jeter Pritchard of the Federal court in releasing from imprisonment James H. Wood, a ticket agent of the Southern Ry. at Asheville, N. C., who sold a ticket for a sum larger than was allowed by the State law, and was convicted by the State Court. The Supreme Court holds that Judge Pritchard had jurisdiction, and was justifiable in his opinion.

Last fall Rev. J. J. Summerbell, D. D., Dayton, Ohio, very graciously offered to the student in Elon College who should write the best essay on The Tenth Commandment a cash prize of \$75.00 the contest to close Feb. 15, 1908. There were several competitors and the contest has just been decided in favor of Mr. Stanley C. Harrell, Harrell, Va., a young ministerial student from the Eastern Va. Conference. Dr. Summerbell writes in most complimentary terms of all the essays submitted and seems gratified with the outcome of the contest. When the decision was announced by President Moffitt at chapel service Tuesday a. m. 24 inst, Mr. Harrell received quite an ovation in honor of his victory. Mr. Harrell is in the Junior Class of Elon College and is making an enviable record, being among the brightest men of his class.

Because this represents a type, and possesses "human interest" we reprint from The Nashville Advocate.

An "innocent bystander" listening to the debate on prohibition in the Senate of a certain State Legislature the other day was hit by this brickbat of eloquence: "Mr. President, the death knell of this question is at its row's end!" Would you like to have a Red Letter vest pocket Testament—all the words of Christ printed in Red? We have a new supply on hand, 50 to 75 cts., neat, handsome, handy. Or would you like a Red Letter Teacher's Bible, all teachers helps, 4,000 questions and answers, concordance, marginal references, French Seal, divinity circuit, handsomely and substantially bound—all the words of Christ in Red, also all Old Testament passages alluded to by Christ, and the various prophecies relating to Christ, red letters. It is a handsome and complete red letter

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Japan has invited our American fleet "the big white sixteen," now on a cruise in the Pacific, to visit its shores, and our Government has accepted the invitation. Japan may be counted on to do the entertaining act in fine fashion.

We sympathize greatly with our brother, Rev. J. W. Holt, Burlington, N. C., whose wife was taken dangerously ill while attending services at the Presbyterian church, Graham, Sunday March 15 and is till very low. Sister Holt is a most amiable Christian woman and is much beloved by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. As she has survived now for several days since the severe attack began, it is hoped she will recover, though yet very low.

We have received The Bible Class Quarterly for April, May, June, from the publisher, J. N. Hess, Dayton, O. The Quarterly has a nice radial key map of Palestine in colors, three hymns and several selections for Responsive Reading, by way of preface, all of which are features of real worth. We have not had time to go through the Quarterly, but we somehow indulge the feeling and the hope that it is an improvement over that of the past quarter. There is need, for to our thinking the last Quarterly did not measure up to the standard by a very great deal. Some of the questions were just too simple for space. This new one is an improvement—we devoutly hope.

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MOUNTAINS OF THE BIBLE. II.

If a traveler wished to go from Mount Sinai, or Horeb, to visit the mountain where Moses died, he would probably arrange his journey in such a way as to pass by Mount Hor, where Aaron, the brother of Moses, died, no matter which one of the two mountains in our time named by critics he accepted as the correct one. For both mountains claimed by the critics to be Mount Hor fulfill the conditions of the Bible history as closely as would be reasonable after the lapse of thousands of years. Both mountains have bold and striking appearance on approaching them; and the modern traveler, moving through ridges of light drifting sand, or over surfaces made uneven by stones, would frequently ask himself if the Hebrews in the time of Aaron endured such hardships.

We do not stop to discuss which of the two mountains is the correct one: for in either case Mount Hor is the conspicuous one for a long distance.

As the Christian traveler would approach, he would draw forth his pocket Bible, and read the following dignified and impressive account, in Numbers 20: 22-29, of the death of Aaron:—

“And they journeyed from Kadesh: and the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, came unto Mount Hor. And Jehovah spake unto Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor, by the border of the land of Edon, saying, Aaron shall be gathered unto his people; for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the waters of Meribah. Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them unto Mount Hor; and strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there. And Moses did as Jehovah commanded: and they went up into Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there on the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount. And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they wept for Aaron thirty days, even all the house of Israel.”

Aaron was at his death one hundred and twenty years old. It does not appear that he died of old age, nor of nervous prostration; but at the command of the Lord; like a child falling asleep in the arms of its mother. He went up into the mountain to die, and died. His high-priest garments he would need no more; and he suffered Moses to remove them. Possibly with his own fingers he

himself adjusted them on Eleazar becomingly; while doing so, giving advice concerning their care.

He had served as priest a full generation. He had been ready of tongue, when Moses was slow of speech. He had gone with his brother into the land of Egypt before the greatest monarch of what was then the western world, and demanded that a race of slaves be allowed to escape. But yet he had been so dependent on the integrity of Moses, his younger brother, that when he had been deprived of his help for a time, as at Sinai, he had yielded to the materialistic reasonings of the Hebrews, who had already lost their belief in the miracles and providence of an invisible God, and made them a golden calf. In all ages human beings easily lose their touch with invisible truth. This is what is to be expected of the animal life, or the carnal. Dogs do not believe in God. Swine, as far as we understand them, do not have prophets. Saloon-keepers do not keep open Bibles on the bar. And the nearer man comes to living the life of the brute, the less inclined he is to obey the prophet; though more inclined to superstitions based on the direction of the new moon from his right shoulder, or the hedge-hog's shadow on February 2d.—Yes; Aaron had made for the Hebrews a golden calf: for Moses their prophet had disappeared, and their Jehovah was invisible.

But it does not, from the narrative in Numbers, appear that the Lord treasured up for vengeance the idolatry of the golden calf; but, at the waters of Meribah, Moses and Aaron had possibly assumed to themselves a power in bringing water from the rock for the people to drink that obscured the glory which should have gone solely to that One who is really able to work a miracle. The divine act was not emphasized, and Moses and Aaron seemed as though bringing water from the rock by some physical blow of their own.

Seldom, in the history of mankind, has any man who had the help of God ignored that help and allowed the people to believe that the wonderful work was human. Usually men do the reverse; and attribute to the divine that which is merely human. But in this connection we are reminded of that other class of mankind: those who do not have the help of God because of their worldly spirit, or real sinfulness. In their malice, or hate of good or spiritual forces, these real enemies of righteousness, when a great and good work is done for humanity by the Spirit of God, attribute it to evil agencies. This is the sin against the Holy Ghost; in its very nature an insult to God. It

says to God, This wonder is not the gift of thy love, but is the work of the devil. It is easily seen that this is a dangerous sin.

But it is always dangerous to ignore the dignity or honor of the Most High. And at the waters of Meribah when Aaron seemed to the Israelites to perform the wonder, which really God's merey had given to the thirsty people, he did not immediately turn the thoughts of the people to their divine deliverer. This was displeasing to heaven. God demands his own honor. Everything, in the final analysis, depends on God. Everything, in the beginning, has sprung from God. Such reasons made it necessary for God to make the first commandment to refer to himself: “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” “In the beginning, God”!

But Aaron was neglectful of the divine Helper. Therefore he was forbidden to enter the promised land. What a sweet privilege it would have been for him to have gone in with the people he loved, and seen the land flowing with milk and honey; where long before Abraham had led his flocks and fought his battles. It was in that land, on Mount Moriah, that Abraham, in obedience to the mysterious command of God, had been about to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice, when his hand was stayed and God provided the victim. How strange it has been that some of the most exalted experiences of the most spiritual servants of God have been connected with the mountains!

And Aaron was to die on Mount Hor. He was a man of quick speech and ready tongue; but he made no reply when he heard the sentence of Jehovah. Clad in his dignified robes of office as high priest, serene and composed, with his brother Moses, and his own son, Eleazar, he ascends the mountain, in the sight of all the people. His life has proved to him one thing; that God must be obeyed. The ascent of the mountain is exceedingly steep and toilsome; but Aaron makes no protest, though he is one hundred and twenty three years old, and now going to his own funeral. He makes no plea to die at ease in his tent; but obedient now as a child he goes with Moses and Eleazar to the top of the mountain. There his garments are removed and placed on the son. In the camp of Israel many hearts must have ached as he climbed the mountain, and many lips must have blessed him. With all his faults he was their own priest. Many of his faults were their faults. Notwithstanding them, he was the one who a generation before had boldly entered the palace of Pharaoh, to demand their

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

First Quarter, Lesson XIII, March 29, '08.

Temperance Lesson.

Proverbs 23:29-35.

Golden Text: At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder Prov. 23:32.

Lesson Outline. I The Drunkard's Mirror (v. 29) II The Drunkard's Pedigree. (v. 30). III The Drunkard's Snare. (v. 31). IV The Drunkard's Harvest. (v. 32).

The Drunkard's Mirror. ..There is a story of a mirror which did for the eyes what the trumpet did for the ears in Hood's Tale of a Trumpet, enabling the possessor to hear not the words but the thoughts of the heart.

This mirror pictures the drunkard to himself what he has made himself out of the wrecks of his hopes, his conscience, his manhood, his usefulness, his happiness and perhaps of his family.

The main features of this portrait are woes, pains, diseases, troubles, a passionate disposition and bad vision both natural and spiritual. So repulsive is the picture that whoever sees it must desire to avoid the things that produce such an effect.

For those who have seen this picture it would be well to go into other rooms in this world gallery and study the pictures of the truly good, the useful, the heroic, the successful and the happy and remember that none of these were made by strong drink.

The Drunkard's Pedigree. 1. Keeping bad company. (2) Sipping the wine. (3) Drinking to excess. (4) Drunken carousals.

Every drunkard was once innocent. Every one was first a moderate drinker. Not all who drink moderately do become drunkards, but none who refuse to touch intoxicating drinks ever become drunkards.

The Drunkard's Snare. ..The attractiveness of wine. It seems perfectly harmless to sip a little when it is bright and inspiring, thrilling the nerves with delight, promising all joy and freedom. It is the shining side of evil that is so dangerous, this embroidered veil that hides the death beyond, this flowery entrance to the path that leads to death.

The Drunkard's Harvest. In this picture gallery we pass to the last one lighted with a lurid blaze, and we gaze on the saddest picture of all. "At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

At first it is the wine of pleasant fellowship; at the last is the wine of the wrath of Almighty God poured out without mixture. At the first it is agreeable excitement of a pleasant evening; at the

last a drawn out agony of an endless perdition. At the first the stimulus of an hour; at the last is the fire that shall never be quenched. Plagues have slain their ten and wars their hundred thousand of the very best of men, but the bottle has conquered more than all conquerors famed and feared. It has deluged millions in the lava tide of woe. Though in the path of battle darkest waves of blood may roll, yet the bottle kills the body and also the very soul. Yet year by year thousands tread this dismal road of death.

G. W. T.

VALLEY LETTER.

Since my last letter to the Sun there have been sixteen conversions in my field and thirteen received into the church.

Revival services were held at Woods Chapel during the worst weather we have had this winter. The roads were almost impassable, and part of the time the weather was extremely cold. Notwithstanding these hindrances the congregations were fairly good throughout the meeting. During the meeting, and since the meeting closed, there have been eight conversions and reclamations, and six additions to the church. This is one of the churches organized and built by Dr. W. T. Herndon while working under the auspices of the Christian Missionary Association. The church has been a blessing to the community though much still remains to be done as there are yet many unsaved people within reach of the church. One thing that makes many of them hard to reach is the fact that generation after generation have grown up in unchristian homes, without the good influence of Godly parents. I am more than ever impressed with the truthfulness of the following passages of Scripture: "Whosoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." "Be sure your sins will find you out." "Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me."

I consider the work at Woods Chapel more pleasant and promising than at any time since I have been pastor.

After closing the meeting there I began a revival at Mt. Olivet, (R). This also is one of the churches established by Dr. Herndon. Its growth during the past few years has not been what we had reason to hope for. Several years ago quite a number united with the church during a revival conducted by Rev. C. C. Jones, and the outlook for the church soon to become strong and sustaining was then very bright. But many have moved away, some have

died, and some have gone back to the world, so that the real working force of the church is rather weak. There are a great many unconverted people in the community. The harvest here is great but the laborers are few. During the meeting eight professed faith in Christ, and six were received into the church. Rev. L. L. Lassiter preached here several times for me, and also at Woods Chapel once while I was absent filling other appointments. I have heard him well spoken of at both places. We all regard him as a man of deep piety.

The condition of the roads in the Valley this winter has added somewhat to the labors of a preacher and his horse. To travel from 350 to 450 miles a month this winter has been no easy thing. I found it advisable some months ago to supply myself with a saddle and do most of my traveling in the good old-fashioned way—on horseback.

But church work in the Valley has neither stuck fast nor frozen up this winter; we are still forging ahead.

I am now in a revival meeting at Mt. Lebanon. A. W. Andes.

Harrisonburg, Va., March, 12, 1908.

KINDLY RECEIVED.

Thursday afternoon, March 5, I found that my household goods were in the depot in Sanford, so all that I had to do was to make mention of the fact to my neighbors to be in the Hunt's Springs neighborhood and the next morning they appeared on the scene with their teams and helped to haul my furniture to my home. This does not end my story of good news. On the afternoon of the 9th inst. my family came down from Greensboro and before we reached our home it began raining but after reaching home before we had time to get into the house two of the good ladies in the neighborhood appeared on the scene (rain or no rain) with baskets laden with good things to eat. Another lady who lived near by also sent up good things to eat. But my story of good news does not end here. On the next night between thirty and forty filed into our home laden with good things and filled a table to overflowing and heaped up a large pile on the floor beside it. Of course these things were appreciated by the preacher and his wife, and God will reward every one for their thoughtfulness and kindness. May this charitable spirit ever prevail with the good citizens of the new county of Lee. E. L. Stack.

Jonesboro, N. C.

The Democratic State Convention of Minnesota has endorsed Gov. Johnson of that State for the presidency.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH LOAN FUND.

I acknowledge receipt of the following since last week.

W. M. Stamen, Apples Chapel Church
W. M. Brown, Apples Church .. \$1.00
W. F. Andrews

Apples Chapel Church 1.00
D. L. Thomas Apples Chapel Church 1.
D. L. Thomas

Apples Chapel Church 1.00

Total 3.00

Previously Reported 391.50

Grand Total 394.50

Brethren please let us have your dues. This is an opportunity to help our home church extension cause. The secretary hasn't the time to spare for much agitation, therefore requests your prompt cooperation. R. S. Petty, Secy.

Greensboro, N. C.

HOLLAND ITEMS.

I spent March 8th at Port Norfolk. I had not been to see my daughter, Mrs. Tina Johnson for some time, owing to my extreme old age and feeble health, and as my son, Dr. J. G. Holland was going, availed myself of the opportunity of taking the trip with him. As my daughter is usually of a cheerful jovial nature, somewhat gifted in speech, she made the time pass quite pleasantly, especially if we include the sumptuous repast in the way of dinner.

It is not my custom to make visits on the Sabbath, but as my son had to take the trip, thought I could accompany him especially as it in all probability, would be my last, and only opportunity of visiting my daughter.

Mr. Johnson, my daughter's husband, is suffering from a hurt at the factory near them, and Dr. Holland went to see him. He, Mr. Johnson is suffering from his injury, and will be confined to his room some weeks or so yet. Dr. Holland fond him, though confined to his room, very cheerful and hopeful. He does not seem to be of a gloomy or despondent enjoys the visits of friends, and endeavors to make them feel easy and pleasant.

There was meeting at the Baptist church yesterday, at Port Norfolk, and quite a number seemed returning from the church after the conclusion of services. I did not attend church any where as the walk was rather much for me. The Baptist have a good house of worship here and a good edifying minister. The Methodist and some of the other denominations also have houses of worship here.

The usual religious services were held at the Christian church last Sunday by the pastor, Rev. G. Newman. Though not present, learn that the congregation

was large for morning service and the service were all much enjoyed. Our largest congregations, usually meet with us on 4th Sundays.

Mr. Ed Howell of our place, who has been so seriously and dangerously afflicted for a month or so, from a stroke of paralysis, is now thought to be slightly improving. It will probably be some months before he entirely recovers.

Later.

We have enjoyed very pleasant visits recently, of two of my grand-son's wives, Mr. R. H. Porter and B. Guy Porter my grandsons, are living in Norfolk, and doing business there. They both have families. R. H. Porter and wife have two children, a son and daughter, and B. G. Porter and wife have one very sweet little girl one and a half months old, one of the brightest babes I think I ever saw you can readily get its attention and it seems to enjoy your notice of it. Guy's wife reminded me of a circumstance or fact, I had not thought of before, that I had lived to see the fourth generation of my family, my great-grand children.

I have always been a dear lover of children, especially if they are neatly and tidily dressed. And mother generally want their babes admired and spoken of in commendable terms, as looking nice, sweet and lovely. And it always pleases the mother to hear her babe spoken of as such. But if you don't want the mother to frown at you, don't say the babe is ugly, or resembles some old, ugly relative.

We had it very rainy yesterday evening (Sunday) and I did not go to church, and thought the weather was so disagreeable, there would be no congregation and no services. But my two grandsons, Gilmer and Ayler Holland, went early, before the rain and said there was some congregation, some fifty persons, and that they had regular services. That Rev. Bro. Newman, who is always prompt, was there on time in the early hour, and entertained the congregation in his edifying, entertaining style.

We are having pleasant weather today. The full bloom peach will soon sweeten the balmy air, the bees the models of industry and frugality, will soon begin their busy task. The birds are soon to sing their Te Deum. Nature will spring into new life and beauty. The warm sun and balmy air will verify and beautify nature and nature will awake to new life and beauty, as the warming animating sun will break forth in beauty and power.

I was feeling quite unwell yesterday. Had a hard shaking ague, could not be still or composed, till my son, Dr. J. G. Holland, who happened to be home just at that time, gave me medicine, which

quieted me. I am feeling better today though quite feeble.

No preventing providence, next Sunday will be our quarterly meeting. If living, I hope to be well enough to attend the services.

R. H. Holland.

THE CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

At the next session of the Southern Christian Convention to be held at Greensboro, N. C., I shall offer the following resolutions:

1. That the Southern Christian Convention meet quadrennially instead of biennially.

2. That the Southern Christian Convention release its jurisdiction over the C. M. A. and recommend to the various conferences the organization of such societies. As the S. C. C. is a member conference.

For the work done we have entirely too many conferences, conventions, and association. As the S. C. C. is a member of the A. C. C., and as the A. C. C., has entire charge of our foreign mission interests and almost entire charge of our publication interests, a quadrennial session will be sufficient. I believe this would also tend to increase very much the attendance of the S. C. C. delegates at the quadrennial sessions of the A. C. C., which is certainly to be desired.

As to the second proposition, the convention call for missions is now adapted to convention work and should be perpetuated. Conferences and churches not loyal to this call should be educated as to their duty along this line. The C. M. A., is a great institution, is easily adapted to conference work, and there should be such an association in every conference. Each conference could set aside one day for Home Missions and the C. M. A.

J. E. West.

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Important Notice.—As readers will see, The Christian Sun is now published at Greensboro, N. C. The office of publication there is 302½ South Elm Street. Our editorial office, however, remains at Elon College, N. C., to which all letters and communications to the Editor should be addressed, as heretofore.

TEACHING TOLERATION.

It is worth somewhat to have had, and been, a part in teaching the truth of religious toleration to mankind. And every member of our Christian cause can justly and rightfully make such a claim.

Various accusations have been flung at us. Criticism from without and from within have come our way. By one we are too liberal, by another too radical. Some have it that we believe everything; others say we believe nothing in common and stand for nothing in particular.

How grievously do these err. And how far of the mark do these shafts of criticism fly. Of God, of the Son, of the Holy Spirit, of the sacred Scriptures, of Repentance and Faith, of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, of the Resurrection and of the Last Judgment, topics salient and essential, do we have the most definite, clear and unmistakable conceptions, opinions and beliefs. Our views may differ from some others, but they are definite, clear and well marked nevertheless.

Long years ago this company of believers laid down five principles of belief which we have never heard a member of our convention, dispute or deny:

(1) The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church.

(2) The name Christian is the only appellation needed or received by the Church.

(3) The Holy Bible, or the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, is a sufficient rule of faith and practice.

(4) Christian character is a just, and should be the only test of fellowship, or church membership.

(5) The right of private judgment, and the liberty of conscience, is a right and a privilege that should be accorded and exercised by all.

Because a company of the professed followers of our blessed Lord believe, that this is a sufficient basis for the union of all believers, and that there may be a universal brotherhood of Christ's followers on these principles, we have been accused of having no faith and no practice of our own.

This much, then, none will gainsay. We have taught something of toleration among believers.

By building up a body on such a basis we have rebuked sectism of every kind, and have helped to break down the lines that arrayed men against each other.

What the world wants and looks for today, is Christian character. And as a church helps to produce this in the world, it is helping along the task of the kingdom. The world needed a tolerance that would not divide, but would draw men closer together, and this at least has our Christian church helped to teach and to produce.

POWER OF THE PULPIT.

The pulpit has not lost its power. That which was formerly the pulpit, but is now a platform for essay reading, or ethical deliverances, may have lost its power, and has. The instinct for worship is as old as time, and as deep as eternity. Mankind wants to worship. And the place of the pulpit is to lead him to worship. When it ceases in this, it loses its power.

Men will not hear as long, as reverently, and as often, any other theme as this of the gospel of the Son of God. That man does not live who has the culture, eloquence, or charm, to draw a congregation, week after week save on the theme of the Cross. The subject of politics is soon exhausted; art talked of so much, fails to fascinate; science too much sifted, becomes barren. So of all subjects that portray time, and the issues thereof. But of eternity, different, always.

The pulpit—meaning in this the place where the message of the Cross is told—has not lost its power. It never will. Men will hang on that sweet story of old as long as time lasts. It is forever and forever a new story. It is the story of life, and life does not grow old.

If you find pews that are empty, mark it that the gospel story is not told there, with its freshness and vigor and vitality. If there is a pulpit that is losing prestige and power, put it down that other than the gospel message is being told from its sacred confines.

The instinct for worship is universal and of all time. Men want to worship, if only they are led thereto, or therein, by one who lives close to Christ and

knows by experience to lead the way.

The pulpit losing its power? Nonsense and folly. Never while there are souls to save and men to redeem—and the instinct and passion for worship and reverence remain in the human heart.

SALOONS COME HIGH.

Men will one day learn that the most costly institution that the public is called upon to support is the saloon. If the money paid into the saloon were all, the cost would not be so shocking. But ruin and misery and death are to be charged up always to every open saloon.

In the number of saloons, as compared with population, Cleveland, Ohio and San Francisco, Cal. lead all other cities in the nation. Of course the result is more drunkenness to the population than in any other cities. In 1905 Cleveland had 3,177 saloons, and consequently had 15,357 arrests for drunkenness. San Francisco had 3,280 saloons and made 15,757 arrests for drunkenness. New York was bad enough with 12,446 saloons and 52,316 arrests for intoxication.

Try to conceive of the misery to homes, poverty in trying places, and expense to the cities named, in keeping a police force equal to the task of arresting and handling this number of drunken people.

Think of 52,000 people unfit to be at large in a city, and dangerous to persons and property—and hurtful to all they come in contact with. Yes, the most expensive institution known to man is the saloon.

Norfolk Landmark Sunday 22nd, Portsmouth Correspondence:

“The revival services which have been in progress at the Christian Church during the past week have been of more than ordinary interest. Large congregations have heard the Rev. Mr. Ryan from evening to evening. The chapel has been too small to accommodate the crowds. Rev. Mr. Ryan will preach at both services today and will continue the meeting throughout the week. The meeting has resulted in quite a number of conversions and a large number of others have shown that they were interested. The meeting promises to be one of far-reaching results. Services begin each evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Rev. C. C. Ryan, pastor of the Christian Memorial Temple, will address the meeting for men at the Y. M. C. A. hall, Portsmouth, this afternoon. “Confidence” will be the subject of his address. Mr. Ryan is a thoughtful and helpful speaker and his address on this subject will be of special interest.

SUFFOLK LETTER.

Dr. Atkinson must think that my fishing propensities are insatiable, if he thinks that two thousand five hundred and sixty acres of petrified fish near Alpine, Texas, would make me wish I had been born "cons of ages ago." I think myself that fishing would have been good in that neighborhood, before the day of petrification. What bothers me is that if the sea covered that five thousand feet elevation, where I could have lived near enough to go fishing; and, if the mountain was cast up by volcanic action, with all those fish, the hole must have been too deep for pole fishing. I do not object to being apostolic in my fishing inclination, but that would carry me back to pre-apostolic times and into the Devonian Age. I fear the only respect in which I resemble the apostles and my distinguished friend, the Editor of the Christian Sun, is my taste for this ancient craft. Any modern "fish story" pales into insignificance before these four acres of solid fish. If this mountain were ground up it would make a pile of "ground fish" for which I pay forty three dollars per ton this year. I wonder if petrification has destroyed the chemical properties of the original fish so as to render them useless as a fertilizer. It is worth looking into. I think Dr. Atkinson and I will have to investigate that matter. There may be "millions in it" and, if we could get them out, we could build us a "fish pond" and have some sport in our declining days.

Jesus said: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." That is the best fishing after all. You never know the fish you are catching till they are caught. You cannot tell the man you are influencing till he yields to the gospel. You never catch all the fish and sometimes you fish a long time without taking any; but all that prepares you for the taking of them when the Lord directs casting of the net. "Follow Me." Do not expect gospel success by following any school or any man. There is where young ministers make mistake. They follow men, study men-made methods and depend on human skill. Jesus is the one to follow. **"And I will make you."** Jesus qualified ministers for catching men. He supplies them with wisdom. "Cast the net on the right side of the ship." We have sought direction from wrong sources. We have dug a well and pumped water into a boiler to generate a little steam-power while a river is running by our mill. We have tried to learn in the school and from great men how to save souls when Jesus stands pledged to "make us" fish-

ers of men. We need to return to Jesus Christ. He is the head of the church and all authority resides in Him. That is the purpose for which we are called into the ministry—to catch men. Soul-saving, then, is the work of ministers. It is a delightful work. Imagine a pleasant day. The air is soft and the light is toned down by fleecy clouds. You are in a boat with a genial companion. The water is clear and the shoreline in one vast sea of trees and vines, of grass and flowers, and, among the branches of the trees, the squirrels are leaping and the birds are singing and all this land beauty is reflected from the bosom of the lake as nature's perfect mirror. Over goes your line. Under goes your cork. Up comes the fish, after a few moments of sweet excitement that makes you forget care, reduces your nerves to a state of more than rest—to exhilaration. You come back from a day like that for a night of sleep as sweet as a healthy babe. I cannot understand why tired men, nervous men, exhausted men, overworked men, despondent men, do not take a "day off," now and then and go "a fishing." But all the delight of fishing is not so sweet as the experience of catching a man for the kingdom. If you don't believe it, let Jesus help you to catch a man for the kingdom.

W. W. Staley.

ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

Rev. Dr. Frank S. Child of Fairfield, Conn. continued his lectures until Wednesday evening of last week. It was a rare opportunity for those who heard this student of life and literature in a masterly manner portray the excellent qualities of such men as Alfred the Great, John Knox, Cromwell, Carlyle and Scott in their struggle for the realization of ideals which have shaped history and determined the destiny not only of men but of nations. His last lecture "A visit to an Old University Town" was a study of the university, life and ideals of the Egyptians thousands of years ago and revealed many hidden truths that set aside positions taken by the higher Critics of this generation.

Such a series of lectures is like oases to the student in his struggles along the toilsome journey of college life, and afford inspirations, ideals and incentives that are sure to stir the smoldering embers of ambition for scholarship, character and self-realization in many a student's breast.

Such ideals are worth more than gold, for these are the powers that shape life.

No other lecturer, friend and scholar who has ever visited Elon College has moulded character and determined destiny.

a warmer place in the hearts and lives of both faculty and students than has Dr. Frank S. Child.

We are to be signally blessed during the State Christian Endeavor Convention which meets here the 23rd and 24th of next month by having with us Dr. Harris of Baltimore, Md., who is ex-President of Maryland State Union of the Christian Endeavor, and also Miss Hayes of Indiana.

Last Friday evening Elon College Band gave its first concert in the College Chapel, and those who attended were highly pleased at the progress made since the organization of the band last fall. Mr. R. A. Cambell of Dayton, Va. is Director of the band and has done such efficient work as to win the admiration of all who know him and the work he has accomplished in so short a time.

Mr. Cambell's brother from Dayton, Va. is here on a visit and took part in the program last Friday evening. His saxophone solos were greatly enjoyed.

The usual religious exercises were conducted yesterday. Dr. Atkinson preached at 11 o'clock, Christian Association meetings in the afternoon and Christian Endeavor meeting in the evening.

Daniel B. Wicker, Prof. Wicker's little boy, and Joseph Newman, Dr. Newman's youngest son, were both quite sick Saturday and Sunday, but they seem better now.

This has been in many respects the best year in the history of Elon College; the best in attendance, the best in the conduct of the students, the best in the religious life of the student body, and the best grade of work done, but we are planning for better things next year, and we have our faces on the future with hope and inspiration.

W. C. W.

We are much indebted to Bro. W. E. McClenny, Suffolk, Va., for a copy of the proceedings of the "Seventh Christian Conference," of Virginia held at Republican Chapel, Nov. 9, 10, and 11th, 1821. The conference termed itself merely a "General Meeting," the "Messengers" present being, Elders Burwell Barrett, Daniel Whitley, Nelson Millar, Nathaniel P. Tatem, Joshua Livesay, Benjanime Bullock, John Livesay, Francis Williamson and Mills Barrett. The Conference was organized by choosing Nelson Millar, speaker, Elder Mills Barrett, Clerk. In this Conference Elder Joseph Thomas was tried, and convicted, of deception and falsehood and was excluded from the connection. We presume that this is some other than "the White Pilgrim," though bearing same name and having to his account a hymn book mentioned several times in the proceedings.

We thank Bro. Roach for his nice sale of pictures of the Orphanage. We would appreciate so much if those who have sold pictures would send in the money: we would also be glad to send these pictures to persons in local churches who would sell for the Orphanage and thus help us financially.

We hope that many people will make Easter offerings for the Orphanage.

The following donations have been received since last report:

Mrs. J. N. H. Clendenin, Graham, N. C., 1 quilt; Mrs. S. E. Denton, Clayton, Ala., books, pictures, ribbon; Mrs. Rebecca Watkins, Middleburg, N. C., 6 hdkf., 3 pr. stockings, 10 yds. calico, 2 spools thread, 3 cakes soap; Mrs. M. L. Winston, Creedmore, N. C., 1 box containing clothes, and worn articles suitable and useful for many household purposes; J. M. Saunders, Elon College N. C., 11 lbs. meat, 1 pr. breast chains; 400 lbs. cotton seed bulk meal by Friends through Rev. Rufus King, High Point. Coraleigh Phosphate and Fertilizer Works, Raleigh, N. C., 1000 lbs. of "Hornes' Best Guano."

We very kindly appreciate all these gifts, some are small but they just fill the little need of the hour and help us when we cannot help ourselves.

It was a generous act on the part of the Caraleigh Phosphate and Fertilizer Works, of Raleigh, N. C., to donate one half ton "Horne's Best Guano" for our coming crop. Last year they gave us one ton of their popular brand "Eli" and "Eli got there" sure enough for we had good corn, cotton and potatoes and cabbage, etc. We appreciate this kind remembrance very much.

We are enlarging our barn, to accommodate our farm family. It takes work and especially so at this season of the year when all nice weather is so valuable for farming.

With gratitude to all, and kind wish for a hopeful spring and seed time, I am,

Yours for the work,
Uncle Jim.

Auburn, N. C., March 8, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I will write and send my dues for 1907, which will be 60 cts. My school will soon be out and I will be glad when it is so I can go to plowing. I will close. From your true friend,

Marvin Branch.

And you are a farmer boy right, are you Marvin? 'Tis nice to see the work begun that brings our daily food.

Auburn, N. C., March 7, 1908

Dear Uncle Jim:

I will write and send my dues for 1907, which is 60 cts. I am sick with a cold

today. I will close with love to all the cousins. I am as ever, Your Loving Friend,
Lucy E. Branch.

Thank you Lucy. Give us some of your nice letters for 1908.

Clayton, Ala., March 13, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Such pretty spring days are these, we enjoy staying out so much. Papa has made a double seat on the wagon so both of us can drive "Bill" now. We love so to ride, about the driving we have some difficulty—both want the lines.

Our love and dimes for the dear children.

Fondly,
J. Newman Denton,
S. E. Denton, Jr.

Well that is boy like and I guess you cannot help it. Just so you keep "Bill" in good humor, boys I guess the driving will turn out O. K.

Saunders, Va., March 12, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Here I come again so you see I haven't forgotten the Orphanage. Grandma gave me a hen and she is laying now. I sold some eggs for twenty-five cents, which I enclose. Hope it will do some good. I am nearly five years old, and think I am getting to be quite a big boy, and Oh! how I want a pair of overalls like the little colored boys wear.

Your little nephew,
Willard Samuel Holland.

Much oblige little man for your chicken money. Now tell mama to be sure to make you some overalls.

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please give the county, Post Office and address, the place and date when the Contest will be held. Take it up at once. The school teachers, pastors and Sunday Schools workers can do a great service in this matter. Do not wait for some one else, but arrange for the Contest to be held not later than May 10th.

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Lillington	8:42s	3:31s	10:37			
Cape Fear	8:47f	3:37f	11:00			
Kiuling	9:02f	3:54f	11:20			
Chalybeate	9:06s	3:50s	11:30			
Rawles	9:13f	4:07				
Fuquay Springs	9:23s	4:17s	12:00			
Varina	9:40s	4:32s	12:05			
Cardenas	9:43f	4:35f				
Willow Springs	9:50s	4:50s	12:35			
Banks	10:00f	5:01f	12:50			
McCullers	10:06s	5:15s	1:10			
Hobby	10:10f	5:20f	1:35			
Barnes	10:18f	5:28f	1:35			
Sylvaola	10:25f	5:36f				
Ar. Raleigh	10:40	6:00	2:10			

NORTHBOUND.

		Mon.	Dai.	Dai.
		Fri.	Wed.	Exc.
		Sun.		
Lv. Raleigh	8:05	8:00	4:40	
Sylvaola		8:25f	4:54f	
Barnes	8:45	8:33f	5:00f	
Hobby		8:43f	5:07f	
McCullers	9:20	8:55s	5:15s	
Banks		9:27	9:01f	
Willow Springs	9:50	9:16s	5:30s	
Cardenas		9:26f	5:38f	
Varina	10:35	9:40s	5:51s	
Fuquay Springs	11:00	9:55s	6:00s	
Rawles		10:03f	6:06f	
Chalybeate	11:30	10:10s	6:13s	
Kiuling	11:40f	10:14f	6:17f	
Cape Fear	12:00	10:29f	6:30f	
Lillington	12:30	10:37s	6:36s	
Bunlevel		10:50f	6:48f	
Carver's Falls		11:30f	7:23f	

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freedom. He had been on their side all the way along, from the time when Moses undertook to secure their freedom. Their grief for their great high priest was made more intense at the foot of Mount Hor by the thought that in the years now ending there had been times when they had been so impatient with him that they had been ready to stone him. But now the multitudes gaze at the sides and top of Mount Hor in deep silence, with earnest grief, and reverential awe. For Aaron dying, is ascending. His death bed is a mountain. His canopy is the sky. Stripped of his official garments, his last look is not from some human window, asking relatives to stand aside to let him see once more the green meadow and the winding river; but he looks from a mountain top over a barren desert south of the Dead Sea. If he sees, west of the Dead Sea, the low lying mountains of the south of Judea, it is not mentioned: for Mount Hor is the more interesting this day, since Aaron died there. Mount Hor is his death bed and his tomb.

J. J. Summerbell.

Dayton, Ohio.

ARARAT.

Ararat, on which the ark of Noah rested, was not a single mountain, and is not so referred to in the Bible. The language there is, "The ark rested * * upon the mountains of Ararat."

I believe the word occurs in but one other place (Jer. 51:27), reading thus: "Call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz."

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And our fair State is going dry, the twenty-six of May.

Chorus.

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Chorus.

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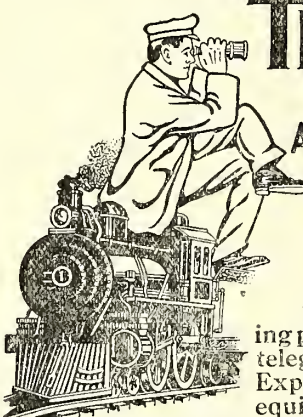
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Rev. H. W. Elder writes a most interesting letter from Georgia this week. Read it and catch something of the inspiration and enthusiasm of this wide awake brother.

The papers are saying that Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of the United States court, and one of the leading Republicans of the State, made, both at Durham and at Wilmington, the most powerful and masterly plea for prohibition yet heard in those cities during the present campaign.

Our thanks are hereby expressed to Rev. C. E. McCoy, New Waverly, Ind., Secretary of the North Western Indiana Christian Conference, for a copy of the proceedings of his conference, the 63rd Annual session, held at Argos, Ind. Aug. 7-10, 1907. There are reported 2276 members with 30 churches and 22 ministers, including licentiates. The proceedings read somewhat as do our Southern Conference proceedings, though hardly as practical and business-like.

This appears in a letter now before us from one of our noble Christian women, "I want my name to remain as long as I live among your subscribers; but as I have the privilege of reading The Sun in the homes of my children with whom I live, will let my copy go to—who is less favored than I am, and for which I enclose \$1.50 for another year." What would this world be, in very truth, without the good, and always thoughtful and generous women of Israel in it?

Chelsea, Mich., March 14, 1908.

Dear Brother Atkinson: I read The Sun with great interest; and I find something every week, concerning which I am prompted to write you. This time I snatch a few minutes to say.

1. I am delighted with the thought, the spirit, and the late improvement in the form of the paper.

2. I am pleased with your editorial, entitled Exeusing Sin and Folly. I have often taught the same doctrine, and always quote Prov. 14:12, both in proof of it, and as a warning. "There is a way that seemeth right unto man; but the end thereof are the ways of death." The Bible is the most perfect text-book on Human Nature that has ever been written. I think there is not a trait, either evil or good, that is not referred to, and in such a way as to encourage the one and give faithful warning against the other.

Yours in the divine bond of Christian Love,
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MARRIED.**Wellons-Rose.**

At the residence of the bride's parents near Frankland, Va., Feb. 5, 1908, Mr. Levi Wellons and Miss Sallie Marye Rose were united in marriage. Miss Lizzie Camp rendered the wedding march while the attendants and the bride and groom marched into the parlor and while beneath an arch of evergreen the ceremony was performed that made them husband and wife. They are now residing at the home of the groom, near Johnson's Grove church. May their lives be long and happy and useful.

R. H. Peel.

Revell-Freeman.

At the home of the bride's parents, near Ivor, Va., Feb. 19, 1908, Mr. Rufus Revell and Miss Toka Freeman. They will make their home near Branchville, Va., at the home of the groom.

May happiness attend their journey through life.

R. H. Peel.

Vick-Joyner.

At the residence of the bride's parents, near Courtland, Va., March 1st, 1908, Mr. Floyd Vick and Miss Annie Joyner were united in marriage. Miss Pearl Davis of Sedley, Va. rendered the wedding march. After the ceremony the wedding party attended the regular services at Johnson's Grove. The next day they went to Dendron, Va., where they will make their home. May they be happy through life.

R. H. Peel.

DIED.**Murray.**

In Altamahaw, N. C., March 11th, 1908, little Effie Murray daughter of James Murray died of consumption, at the tender age of 12 years and 25 days. Her mother, one sister, and two brothers preceded her to the spirit world. Only the father and one little brother survive her to mourn their loss.

The funeral service was conducted, by the writer, from Bethlehem Christian Church. May the Lord bless and comfort all the bereaved ones.

L. I. Cox.

Ballard.

At her brother-in-law's, Deacon W. H. Harrell, Portsmouth, Va., Feb. 26, 1908, Miss Mary Etta Ballard the beloved daughter of the late John and Andrew-etta Ballard, aged 47 years, 7 months and 11 days. She made a profession of religion when quite young and united with Hebron Christian church, at Carrsville, Va., and moved her membership with her church and loved ones to Hol-

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land, Va., taking great interest in the work of establishing the Holland Christian church. She was faithful in all the various duties of life, faithful in her home, to her dear parents, brothers sisters, friends and church. True and faithful to the end, she will be greatly missed by her loved ones and many friends; but their loss has been her eternal gain. Sister Etta is not dead. She is now living with Him who loved her and gave Himself for her—living again with father, mother, and loved ones who went up to Heaven before her. She is happy, living in a state of exaltation at God's right hand, in the celestial radiance of the everlasting city, into which the liberated soul enters and dwells with God. Sister Etta has been released from all suffering and has now arisen free from all temptation, sorrows, pain and death to a perfect endless felicity. All that

she ever labored and prayed for, all that she aspired to and longed for, she now enjoys. She does not need our lamentations—she is happy with loved ones in glory, wearing a crown of life and a beautiful robe of light. Her brothers are W. H. and J. H. Ballard of Nansemond Co., Va., J. F. Ballard of Pendleton, N. C. and M. L. Ballard of Lillingston, N. C., who were all perfectly devoted to sister, as she was to them. She loved them and did all she could for their comfort and pleasure. She leaves one sister, Mrs. W. H. Harrell, of Portsmouth, Va., with whom she lived and died. Their love—their devotion to each other was so great, so strong that language cannot express it. God only knows how well they loved each other.

Her funeral service was conducted by her pastor and the writer at her brother's, John H. Ballard, near Holland Va.

The following acted as Pall-bearers:
Her four brothers, her brother-in-law,
W. H. Harrell, E. M. Harrell, H. L. Hodges and J. W. Wright. The remains were laid to rest in the old family burying ground to await that great day which shall sooner or later take place. The Lord bless and comfort all the bereaved ones.

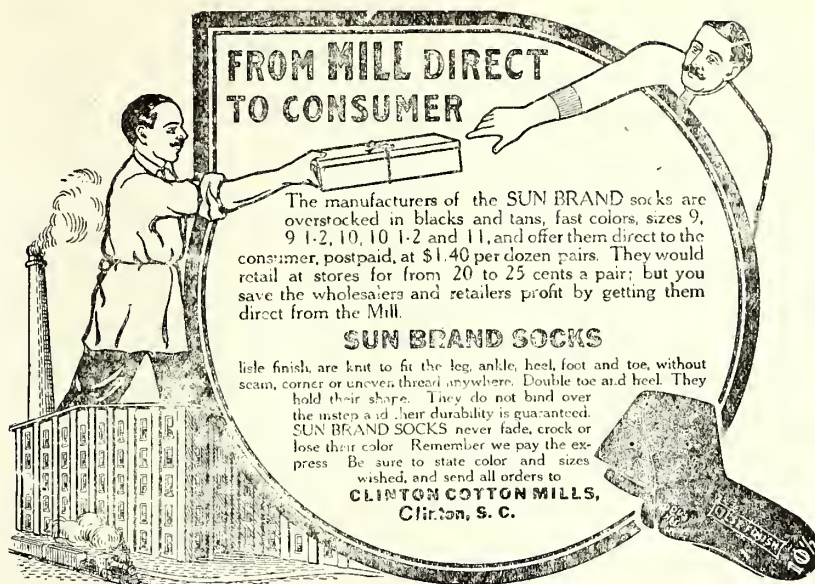
H. H. B.

TRYING TO FOOL COUNTRY FOLKS ABOUT PROHIBITION.

The liquor men have sent out an appeal meant to deceive farmers especially, representing that the prohibition movement is a city affair, that prohibition speakers are hired by city organizations that pay no taxes, and that the carrying of prohibition would increase the taxes of country people. In this appeal they mix truth with falsehood, and might succeed in deceiving some folks, but we don't believe they will deceive any man that has sense enough to run a farm.

They tell how much grain is used in the manufacture of various kinds of alcoholic liquors, and try to force the conclusion that there would be no demand for this grain if it could not be made up into whisky. This is far from being true, but suppose it were true. Suppose that the demand for grain would be reduced by the amount now used in distilleries and breweries: what then? Is there any farmer with a conscience who would not feel condemned if he raised a bushel of corn and sold it to be destroyed as food and turned into poison to curse the lives of some man and his family? This business of turning the blessings of Heaven into a curse is a hellish business. Are the farmers of North Carolina willing to engage in it to the extent of raising corn or barley or rye to aid the distiller and the brewer? But if this hellish business were stopped there would still be a demand for the corn and the wheat and the rye. The drunkard's wife and children who now go hungry could then have bread made from the corn and the wheat and the rye. Or the grain could be turned into meat, bringing to the farmer a greater gain, and yielding a product that would help to feed those that now go partially unfed because the money that should go for meat goes for rum.

Be not deceived, farmers. The best people in the cities are in favor of prohibition and so are the best people in the country. This is not distinctively a city movement. It is a movement of good men and women for humanity. It is a movement against the Devil and his angels and emissaries. It is a movement of right against wrong. I would consider it a crime against my fellow-



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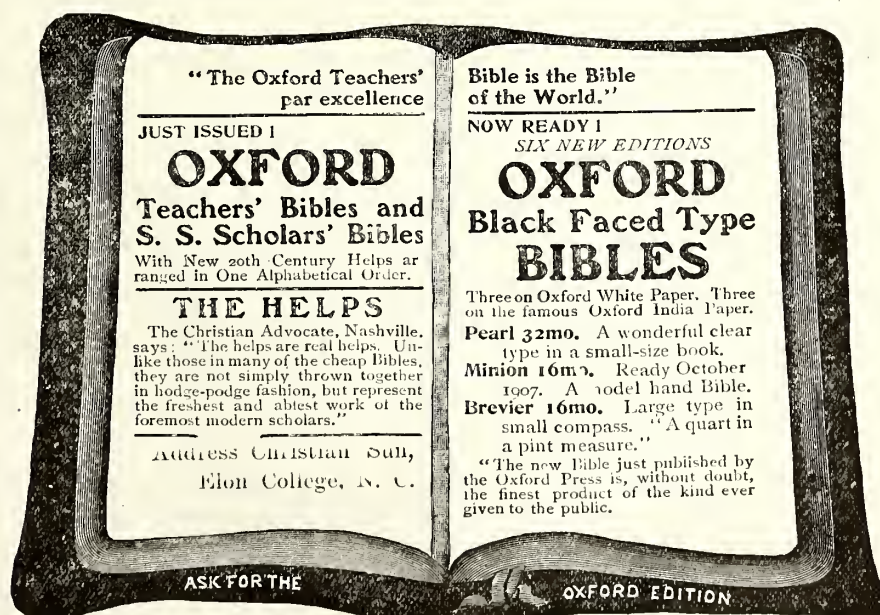
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men to vote against prohibition or to oppose it. I would consider myself criminally negligent if I did not go to the polls and vote for it. Don't be fooled by the liquor men.—Our Church Record.

NEWS ITEMS.

William Jennings Bryan celebrated his forty eighth birth day March 19.

Uncle Sam is making the dust, (or rather the dirt and mud) fly from the Panama canal, having removed 2,945,880 cubic yards in February.

The heaviest snow fall of this winter prevailed in this section of North Carolina Friday, March 20. The trees were in full blossom of pink and red and yellow, and these mingled with the whiteness of the falling snow presented a picture most bewitching, enchanting and delectable to look upon.

Mrs. Holloway of Durham, N. C., is suing the Standard Oil Company for \$60,000 because of an explosion in the company's yards which resulted in the death of Mrs. Holloway's husband.

Later: the suit is compromised by paying Mrs. Holloway \$5,500.

Admirable Evans "Fighting Bob," is to be relieved of command of the American battleship fleet at San Francisco, May 8, and Rear-Admiral Charles M. Thomas, second in command, will succeed him. The dispatches say that when Admiral Evans hauls down his flag for the last time he will have completed the most remarkable sea service of any naval admiral, living or dead, in the history of the world.

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